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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: CONGRESSIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT, OBAMA  
VISIT, EAST ASIAN COMMUNITY

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Editorial Quotes  
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11. CONGRESSIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

"Chinese Foreign Minister asks the U.S. to stop interfering in  
China's internal affairs"

Elite Reference (Qingnian Cankao), a newspaper affiliated to the  
official Communist Youth League China Youth Daily (10/20) (pg 1):  
"Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Ma Zhaoxu said that the  
Congressional-Executive Commission on China's annual report distorts  
the facts and interferes in China's affairs. We (China) suggest the  
Commission stop interfering in China's affairs and damaging  
U.S.-China relations. Experts said that the [Commission's human  
rights] report will produce antipathy among the Chinese people  
towards U.S. interference in China's affairs. Given the one hundred  
year of history of being invaded by foreign imperial countries, the  
Chinese people's sensitivity to the interference of foreign  
countries is deep-rooted. Although the U.S. Congress claims that it  
is concerned about China's human rights, it allocates money to the  
separatists who plotted the March 14 and July 5 violent incidents.  
The Chinese people believe that the attention the U.S. pays to  
China's human rights is driven by ulterior motives. The  
Commission's human rights report is biased by only giving the view  
of one side, that of the separatists and terrorists. Such a report  
will not benefit the building of mutual trust between the  
governments and peoples of the two countries."

12. OBAMA VISIT

"Obama should warm up before visiting China"

The China Radio International sponsored newspaper World News Journal  
(Shijie Xinwenbao)(10/20)(pg 2): "The U.S. should not expect to be  
rewarded merely for not labeling China as a currency manipulator.  
The U.S. has no basis on which to judge whether or not China has  
manipulated the exchange rate, because China is adopting a floating  
exchange rate under governmental supervision. The U.S. decision,  
though, is still wise since, given the current financial crisis, a  
trade or exchange rate war would not help any country. At this  
time, the U.S. needs China more than we need them. Today, although  
the volume of U.S. imports is decreasing, the percentage of 'made in  
China' products in the U.S. market is increasing. The U.S. also  
expects China to purchase more government bonds to maintain the  
value of the U.S. dollar. The success of Obama's upcoming visit to  
China will depend on what measures the U.S. takes to 'warm up' the  
visit, all of which must be sincere."

13. EAST ASIAN COMMUNITY

"U.S. worries about not being able to join the East Asian  
Community"

The China Radio International sponsored newspaper World News Journal

(Shijie Xinwenbao)(10/20)(pg 4): "On October 14, while in Beijing, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs Kurt Campbell said that any important organization related to security, economy, or trade [in East Asia] should not exclude the U.S. The U.S. will participate in these types of organizations. Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Ma Zhaoxu said, 'Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region is a necessary result of economic globalization and regional economic integration. The region's variety has led to the emergence of a multilateral mechanism in the region. China is happy to see the constructive role of the U.S. in regional peace, stability, and development, and is ready to step up coordination and cooperation with the U.S. in Asia-Pacific affairs.'

Experts believe that Ma's remarks do not indicate Chinese support for U.S. participation in the [East Asia Community] organization, nor do they confirm Campbell's earlier comment about China recognizing U.S. participation. Campbell's statement may be a test of China's position and an indication of the U.S.'s anxiety [over the East Asian Community proposal]."

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